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ELEVENTH PLAN ALLOCATION FOR NEC
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) total allocation of funds for North Eastern Council (N.E.C.) for the Eleventh Plan period;

(b) the funds proposed to be utilized for communication and infrastructure development during the Plan period; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to bring N.E.C. more transparent and accountable to the people of the NER?

Answer

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) The Planning Commission have communicated only an indicative allocation of Rs. 7394 crores for the Eleventh Plan for the North Eastern Council.The actionable plan allocation for NEC for 11th Plan year-wise will depend upon the GBS support provided during each financial year.

(b) In view of only the indicative allocation for NEC for Eleventh Plan, the funds proposed to be utilized for communication and infrastructure cannot be finalized.However,the major thrust of NEC activities has always been on the development of infrastructure and communication in the North East.

(c) The NEC's budgetary plan is finalized through interactive discussions with the State Governments, which is also approved by the Council comprising all Governors and Chief Ministers of the North Eastern States under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister to the Development of the North-Eastern Region (DoNER). NEC projects are taken up for the socio-economic development of the Region keeping in view the mandate of the NEC Amendment Act, 2002.To make NEC more transparent and accountable to the people of the Region, the evaluation and monitoring framework is being strengthened by involving reputed institutes and organizations.